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***COMPUTATION OF WATER SURFACE
ELEVATIONS IN OPEN
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Chapter 1: Introduction

QUICK-2 is a user friendly program that assists in the computation of flood Water Surface Elevations (WSEs) in open channels of all types. It is much easier to use than the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) HEC-2 program. However, a QUICK-2 step-backwater file can also be used, as is, with the HEC-2 program, which is also included in the QUICK-2 package of programs. Therefore a HEC-2 output file can be generated with a QUICK-2 input data file, without ever leaving the QUICK-2 environment; and, without having to know how to set-up and run the HEC-2 program. This version of QUICK-2 (Version 1.0) however, does not perform hydraulic calculations through bridges or culverts.

QUICK-2 was primarily developed to accompany the FEMA technical guidance manual titled, "MANAGING FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT IN ZONE A AREAS - A GUIDE FOR OBTAINING AND DEVELOPING BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS." That manual is intended to assist local community officials who are responsible for administering and enforcing the floodplain management requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The purpose of that manual is to provide guidance for obtaining and developing base flood (100-year) elevations (BFEs) where Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) on a community's Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) or Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been identified and designated as Zone A.

QUICK-2 will also be useful to community engineers, architect/engineer firms, developers, builders and others at the local level who may be required to develop BFEs for use in Special Flood Hazard Areas.

This manual includes four other chapters: **Overview**, **Getting Started**, **Tutorials** and **Formulas**. The Formulas section describes the "complex" equations and methodologies used in the development of the program. An Appendix is also included that contains a list of Definitions of the variables shown on the screen and on the printouts.

To get started as quickly as possible in using QUICK-2 we recommend that the user read the Overview and Getting Started chapters; and then work through the Tutorials.

MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Random Access Memory (RAM)	-	512K
Hard disk storage	-	800K
Monitor	-	Color or Monotone
Printer (prints to LPT1)	-	Dot-matrix to LaserJet
Disk Operating System (DOS)	-	Version 3.0 or higher

Chapter 2: Overview

√ FOUR OPTIONS

This user friendly program computes:

- *Critical Depth*,
- *Cross Section Capacity* (Rating Curves),
- *Normal Depth*, and
- *Step-Backwater Analysis* (similar to the USACE HEC-2 program)

CRITICAL DEPTH: This option should be used to determine a Base Flood Elevation (BFE) if a previous calculation using the Normal Depth option computed a depth that was determined to be SUPERCRITICAL. Super Critical depths are generally not accepted for use as BFEs.

CHANNEL CAPACITY: This option is used to determine a rating curve for a cross section. The program computes a discharge based on the entered depth. Repeating with other depths produces a rating curve. A BFE may be determined by interpolation with the correct discharge.

NORMAL DEPTH: This is the usual option to use in determining BFEs. The user should watch the "Flow Type" message to make sure that the calculation is CRITICAL or SUBCRITICAL. Use Option 1 if SUPERCRITICAL.

STEP-BACKWATER: This option should be used to calculate BFEs if more than one cross-section is warranted to cover the extent of the property. Generally if the property parallels more than 500 feet of a flooding source this option should be used.

√ HANDLES "REGULAR" AND "IRREGULAR" SHAPED CROSS SECTIONS

The REGULAR shape cross-sections include:

- *V-shape*,
- *Trapezoidal*,
- *Rectangular*, and
- *Circular*

For IRREGULAR cross-sections:

- up to 40 points can be input to describe the ground points
- Ground points are easily modified using the Insert or Delete Keys
- Encroachments or other changes in the floodplain are easily modeled
- An unlimited number of cross sections may be modeled

In addition, ground points and other input variables for the irregular shape cross-sections can be saved to a file, for later use.

✓ SINGLE SCREEN DATA INPUT, COMPUTATION AND OUTPUT

One of the most user-friendly aspects of this program that sets it apart from many other computational programs is that all of the data input, the computation, and the printing or plotting, is performed from the same screen. You will not get lost in a maze of menus.

✓ GRAPHICS

- *Cross-Section Plots,*
- *Water Surface Elevation Profiles,* and
- *Rating Curve Plots*

Cross section plots and water surface elevation profiles from QUICK-2's step-backwater analysis can be viewed on the screen using the USACE PLOT-2 program that comes with the QUICK-2 package of programs. The channel capacity option of QUICK-2 can be used to generate rating curve plots of individual cross sections that can be viewed on screen and printed.

✓ AUTOMATIC ERROR CHECKING

This software is designed to virtually eliminate the need for user's manuals. The program incorporates error-checking routines and warning messages to alert the user to incorrect input data or potentially incorrect output data. The program prompts the user for the required input data so that there is no need to worry about which columns to put data in; whether or not it needs to be left-justified, or right-justified, etc.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF QUICK-2**»» Critical Depth, Channel Capacity, and Normal Depth Options ««**

EASY VIEW: All of the input data is viewed on the same screen (and changes can be made) before starting the computations

EASY CHANGE: After an initial calculation, the following parameters can be changed, and the above options can be re-calculated in seconds:

Discharge	Channel Slope	Manning's N
Base width or Diameter	Channel Side Slope	Ground Points
Channel Stations		

AUTO-SAVE: For irregular channels the program automatically stores all the input variables to a file designated as "TEMP.XSC", which is stored in the C:\QUICK2\DATA Directory.

RATING CURVES: A special feature of the Channel Capacity Option for irregular channels is the Rating Curve Print Option. A rating curve plot can be automatically generated with 20 computations of water surface elevation versus discharge. The maximum elevation of the rating curve will be just lower than the channel depth specified by the user. The rating curve can be viewed on the screen and/or printed.

»» Step-Backwater Option ««

EASY VIEW: All of the input data is viewed on the same screen (and changes can be made) before starting the computations

PRECISE: Balances the energy equation to within .01 foot.

COMPUTES CRITICAL DEPTH AUTOMATICALLY: After up to 40 energy balance trials (without a balance) the program automatically computes critical depth.

OUTPUT OPTIONS: Detailed and Summary printouts are available

AUTO-SAVE: The program automatically saves the first cross-section into a file designated as T0.XSC, and subsequent cross-sections are saved adding the Channel distance (XLCH) to the previous cross-section's file name. Therefore, if we run 3 cross-sections that are 200 feet apart their filenames will be: T0.XSC, T200.XSC, and T400.XSC. These files are automatically stored in a directory named C:\QUICK2\DATA.

HEC-2 RUNS WITH QUICK-2 FILES: The backwater option also automatically saves all of the cross-sections into a HEC-2 compatible file called HEC2.DAT, which is stored in the C:\QUICK2 Directory. The QUICK-2 program is linked with the USACE HEC-2 program such that any backwater computation that is run using QUICK-2 can also be run using the HEC-2 program within the QUICK-2 environment. The user does not need to have any previous experience in running the HEC-2 model.

AUTOMATIC ERROR CHECKS AND WARNING MESSAGES

ERROR CHECKS

Error checks prevent the user from continuing by re-prompting the user for correct input data. The following are error checks performed automatically by the program:

- Ground Point (GR) stations should be increasing
 - Stations of the left and right bank should match a GR point
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WARNING MESSAGES

Warning messages instruct the user that the program has had to modify the input data in order to complete a calculation, or that the completed calculation may not be valid. The following are warning messages performed by the program:

Extended Cross Section

The computed water surface elevation is higher than one or both ends of the cross-section, and the program automatically extended the end(s) of the cross-section vertically to complete the computation.

Divided Flow

There is a ground point(s) within the cross-section which is higher than the computed water surface elevation which is dividing the flow within the cross-section.

No Energy Balance ... Computing Critical Depth

The program attempted up to 40 trial computations and could not arrive at an energy balance; and therefore, critical depth is assumed to occur at this cross-section.

Computing Critical Depth ... Critical Depth Assumed

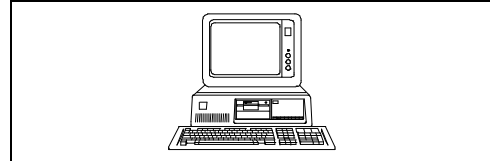
Either the initial Starting Water Surface Elevation or an energy balance between two cross sections occurred at an elevation for which the froude number or the index froude number was equal to or greater than 1. Thus, the computed water surface elevation is suspected of being below the critical depth. Therefore the critical depth is computed and compared to the previous calculated water surface elevation. In this case the critical depth elevation was higher, and thus Critical Depth is Assumed.

Computing Critical Depth ... Critical Depth Not Assumed

Same as above except, the critical depth is computed and compared to the previous calculated water surface elevation; and, in this case the critical depth elevation was lower, and thus Critical Depth is **Not** Assumed.

Chapter 3: Getting Started

This section provides you with convenient installation and run procedures that will enable you to run the program from the hard disk drive or the floppy disk drive.



HARD DISK INSTALLATION AND RUN PROCEDURE

To install and run QUICK-2 simply place the floppy disk in either your "A" disk drive or your "B" disk drive.

For "A" Drive users: Type **A:\AQ2** and Press <Enter>

For "B" Drive users: Type **B:\BQ2** and Press <Enter>

Follow the screen message to start the program. That's it!

The program resides in a C:\QUICK2 directory. To run the program in the future, just change to that directory and type Q2 and press <Enter>.

FLOPPY DISK INSTALLATION AND RUN PROCEDURE

To install and run QUICK-2 from the floppy disk drive simply place the floppy disk in either your "A" disk drive or your "B" disk drive.

For "A" Drive users: Type **A:\FAQ2** and Press <Enter>

For "B" Drive users: Type **B:\FBQ2** and Press <Enter>

Follow the screen message to start the program. That's it!

To run the program in the future, just place the disk in your floppy drive, change to that directory and type Q2 and press <Enter>. *Although the program will run from the floppy disk drive it will run much faster if installed and run on the hard disk drive.*

REMINDER:

Entering and editing data, as well as moving around within the input screens is performed using the Function keys, the Backspace Key and the Enter Key. **DO NOT USE THE CURSOR CONTROL KEYS (ARROW KEYS) FOR ENTERING, DELETING, OR EDITING DATA.**

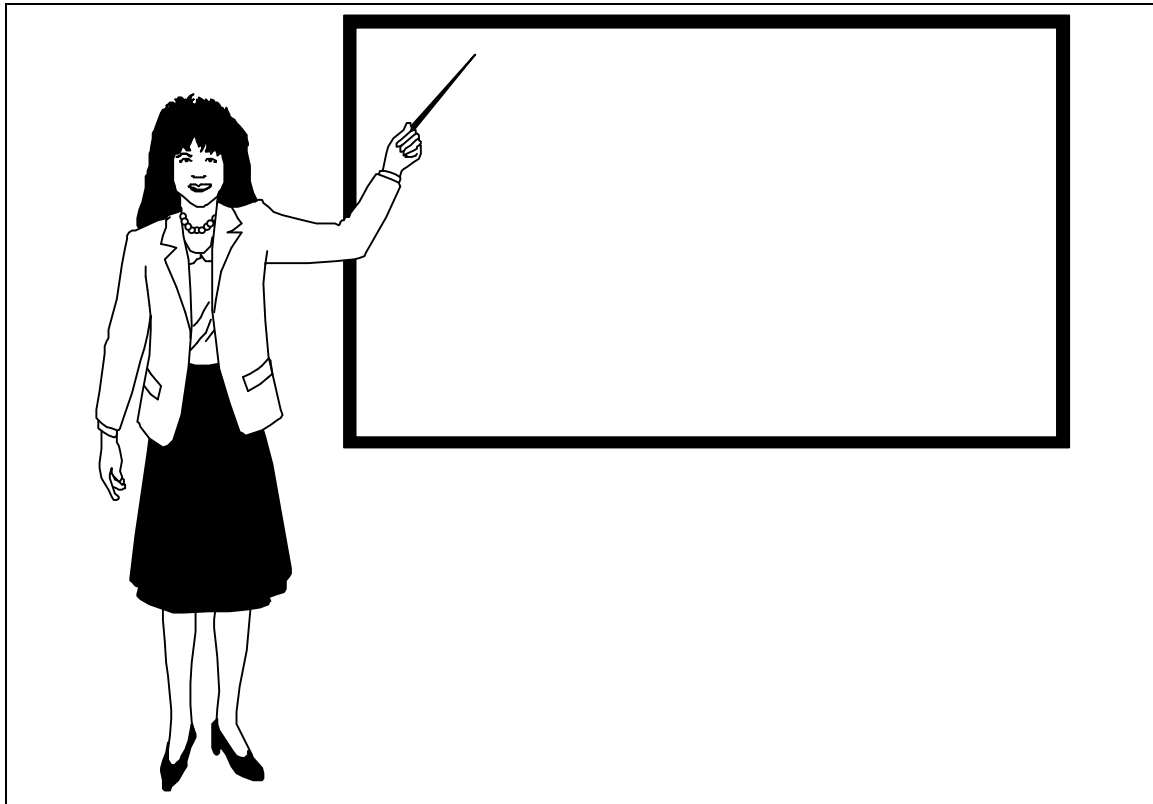
Chapter 4: TUTORIALS

Normal Depth

Step-Backwater

Channel Capacity

PLOT - 2



{TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ALL THE TUTORIALS IS ABOUT ONE HOUR}

NORMAL DEPTH {Tutorial Time: 5 to 10 minutes}

After pressing **Q2** and **<Enter>** to start the program you will come to the Main Menu screen of QUICK-2 as shown below.

QUICK - 2	
MAIN	MENU
	Press

Critical Depth	1
Channel Capacity	2
Normal Depth	3
Step-Backwater	4
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QUIT	<F10>

<F1> - Help

1. Press **3** and then press **<Enter>** to start the Normal Depth Option.

Next you will see the Shape of Cross Section screen:

SHAPE OF CROSS SECTION	
	Press

V - Ditch	V
Rectangular Channel	R
Trapezoidal Channel	T
Circular Channel	C
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Irregular Channel	I

<F7> - Main Menu

Let's try the Trapezoidal Channel option.

2. Press **T** and then press **<Enter>** to perform a Normal Depth calculation for a trapezoidal channel.

The next screen you will see is the Input / Output screen:

NORMAL DEPTH TRAPEZOIDAL CHANNEL	
INPUT VARIABLES	
L Side Slope (H:V) :1	R Side Slope (H:V) :1
Bottom Width (ft)	Manning's n
Discharge (cfs)	Depth (ft)
Slope (ft/ft)	
OUTPUT VARIABLES	
Area (sq ft)	Wet Perimeter (ft)
Velocity (ft/s)	Hyd Radius
Top Width (ft)	Froude #
	Flow Type
Enter Left Side Slope and Press <Enter> :1	
<- Back Tab <F2> Main Menu <F7>	

The program is currently prompting you to enter the Left Side Slope (in terms of the Number of Horizontal feet (H) to every 1 foot Vertical (H : 1)). **Let's say our left side slope is 3 to 1 (3:1).**

3. Enter 3 and then Press <Enter>.

The next screen you will see is the Input / Output screen with a new prompt:

NORMAL DEPTH TRAPEZOIDAL CHANNEL	
INPUT VARIABLES	
L Side Slope (H:V) 3.0:1	R Side Slope (H:V) :1
Bottom Width (ft)	Manning's n
Discharge (cfs)	Depth (ft)
Slope (ft/ft)	
OUTPUT VARIABLES	
Area (sq ft)	Wet Perimeter (ft)
Velocity (ft/s)	Hyd Radius
Top Width (ft)	Froude #
	Flow Type
Enter Right Side Slope and Press <Enter> :1	
<- Back Tab <F2> Main Menu <F7>	

Notice that the
3 has been entered
to the right of
"L Side Slope (H:V)"

The program is currently prompting you to enter the Right Side Slope (in terms of the Number of Horizontal feet (H) to every 1 foot Vertical (H : 1)). **Let's say our right side slope is 2 to 1 (2:1).**

4. Enter 2 and then Press <Enter>.

NORMAL DEPTH TRAPEZOIDAL CHANNEL	
INPUT VARIABLES	
L Side Slope (H:V) 3.0:1	R Side Slope (H:V) 2.0:1
Bottom Width (ft)	Manning's n
Discharge (cfs)	Depth (ft)
Slope (ft/ft)	
OUTPUT VARIABLES	
Area (sq ft)	Wet Perimeter (ft)
Velocity (ft/s)	Hyd Radius
Top Width (ft)	Froude #
	Flow Type
Enter "....." and Press <Enter>	
<- Back Tab <F2>	Main Menu <F7>

The program will continue to prompt you for input data.

Let's say our channel is **10** feet wide, with a Manning's n value of **0.035**, the discharge is **300** cfs, and the channel slope is **.005** ft/ft.

SCREEN PROMPT - "Enter Bottom Width and Press <Enter>"

5. Enter **10** and then Press <Enter>.

SCREEN PROMPT - "Enter Manning's n and Press <Enter>"

6. Enter **.035** and then Press <Enter>.

SCREEN PROMPT - "Enter Discharge and Press <Enter>"

7. Enter **300** and then Press <Enter>.

SCREEN PROMPT - "Enter Slope and Press <Enter>"

8. Enter **.005** and then Press <Enter>.

NORMAL DEPTH TRAPEZOIDAL CHANNEL	
INPUT VARIABLES	
L Side Slope (H:V) 3.0:1	R Side Slope (H:V) 2.0:1
Bottom Width (ft) 10.0	Manning's n 0.0350
Discharge (cfs) 300	Depth (ft) 0.00
Slope (ft/ft) 0.0050	
OUTPUT VARIABLES	
Area (sq ft)	Wet Perimeter (ft)
Velocity (ft/s)	Hyd Radius
Top Width (ft)	Froude #
	Flow Type
Begin Calculations <Enter>	
<- Back Tab <F2>	Main Menu <F7>

After all the data is input your screen should look like this

To begin the calculation simply ...

9. Press <Enter>.

After a split second the screen should look like this:

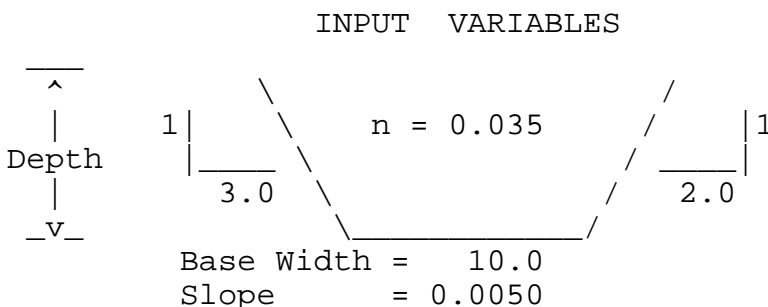
NORMAL DEPTH TRAPEZOIDAL CHANNEL			
INPUT VARIABLES			
L Side Slope (H:V)	3.0:1	R Side Slope (H:V)	2.0:1
Bottom Width (ft)	10.0	Manning's n	0.0350
Discharge (cfs)	300	Depth (ft)	3.27
Slope (ft/ft)	0.0050		
OUTPUT VARIABLES			
Area (sq ft)	59.6	Wet Perimeter (ft)	27.7
Velocity (ft/s)	5.0	Hyd Radius	2.2
Top Width (ft)	26.4	Froude #	0.6
		Flow Type	SUBCRITICAL
Begin Calculations <Enter>			
Print <F5>			
<- Back Tab <F2>		Main Menu <F7>	

Notice that the Depth is no longer 0.00, but equals **3.27** feet, which is the Normal Depth for this particular Trapezoidal cross-section. **If 300 cfs represents the 100-year discharge, then the 100-year flood depth would equal 3.27 feet.** All of the output variables have also been computed and listed.

10. To print the output simply **Press** the <F5> Function key.

The printed output is shown below.

QUICK - 2
NORMAL DEPTH
Trapezoidal Channel



OUTPUT VARIABLES

Depth (ft)	3.27
Discharge (cfs)	300.0
Velocity (ft/s)	5.04
Top Width (ft)	26.4
Froude No.	0.59
Flow Type:	SUBCRITICAL

CHANGING THE VARIABLES

NORMAL DEPTH TRAPEZOIDAL CHANNEL			
INPUT VARIABLES			
L Side Slope (H:V)	3.0:1	R Side Slope (H:V)	2.0:1
Bottom Width (ft)	10.0	Manning's n	0.0350
Discharge (cfs)	300	Depth (ft)	3.27
Slope (ft/ft)	0.0050		
OUTPUT VARIABLES			
Area (sq ft)	59.6	Wet Perimeter (ft)	27.7
Velocity (ft/s)	5.0	Hyd Radius	2.2
Top Width (ft)	26.4	Froude #	0.6
		Flow Type	SUBCRITICAL
Begin Calculations	<Enter>		
Print	<F5>		
<- Back Tab	<F2>	Main Menu	<F7>

Let's say we want to run this calculation again but with a discharge of **500** cfs instead of 300 cfs.

1. Press the Function Key <F2>

NORMAL DEPTH TRAPEZOIDAL CHANNEL			
INPUT VARIABLES			
L Side Slope (H:V)	3.0:1	R Side Slope (H:V)	2.0:1
Bottom Width (ft)	10.0	Manning's n	0.0350
Discharge (cfs)	300	Depth (ft)	3.27
Slope (ft/ft)	0.0050		
OUTPUT VARIABLES			
Area (sq ft)	59.6	Wet Perimeter (ft)	27.7
Velocity (ft/s)	5.0	Hyd Radius	2.2
Top Width (ft)	26.4	Froude #	0.6
		Flow Type	SUBCRITICAL
Enter Slope and Press <Enter>			
<- Back Tab	<F2>	Main Menu	<F7>

The above screen is what you should be looking at. The <F2> key will move the prompt backwards through all the variables. Note that since we want to change the Discharge (from 300 to 500), we will need to Press <F2> again to come to the Enter Discharge prompt. **Follow the steps as shown on the following page to rerun this calculation with a new discharge.**

SCREEN PROMPT - "Enter Slope and Press <Enter>"

2. Press <F2>.

SCREEN PROMPT - "Enter Discharge and Press <Enter>"

3. Enter 500 and then Press <Enter>.

SCREEN PROMPT - "Enter Slope and Press <Enter>"

4. Press <Enter>.

After all of the data is input your screen should look like this:

NORMAL DEPTH TRAPEZOIDAL CHANNEL			
INPUT VARIABLES			
L Side Slope (H:V)	3.0:1	R Side Slope (H:V)	2.0:1
Bottom Width (ft)	10.0	Manning's n	0.0350
Discharge (cfs)	500	Depth (ft)	3.27
Slope (ft/ft)	0.0050		
OUTPUT VARIABLES			
Area (sq ft)	59.6	Wet Perimeter (ft)	27.7
Velocity (ft/s)	5.0	Hyd Radius	2.2
Top Width (ft)	26.4	Froude #	0.6
		Flow Type	SUBCRITICAL
Begin Calculations <Enter>			
<- Back Tab <F2> Main Menu <F7>			

5. Press **<Enter>** to begin the calculation.

After a split second the screen should look like this:

NORMAL DEPTH TRAPEZOIDAL CHANNEL			
INPUT VARIABLES			
L Side Slope (H:V)	3.0:1	R Side Slope (H:V)	2.0:1
Bottom Width (ft)	10.0	Manning's n	0.0350
Discharge (cfs)	500	Depth (ft)	4.22
Slope (ft/ft)	0.0050		
OUTPUT VARIABLES			
Area (sq ft)	86.7	Wet Perimeter (ft)	32.8
Velocity (ft/s)	5.8	Hyd Radius	2.6
Top Width (ft)	31.1	Froude #	0.6
		Flow Type	SUBCRITICAL
Begin Calculations	<Enter>		
Print	<F5>		
<- Back Tab	<F2>	Main Menu	<F7>

Let's return to the Main Menu... Just **Press** the **<F7>** Function Key

QUICK - 2 MAIN MENU	
	Press
Critical Depth	1
Channel Capacity	2
Normal Depth	3
Step-Backwater	4
QUIT	<F10>

<F1> - Help

➤ If you want to continue and to perform the Step-Backwater Tutorial, then *turn to the next page.* =====>>>>

➤ If you want to exit out of the program for now, **Press <F10>.** <

STEP-BACKWATER {Tutorial Time: 20 to 25 minutes}

Let's say that we have a piece of property located in an unnumbered Zone A, and we need to determine if our property is really in or out of the floodplain. We will be referring to Figure 1 on the next page which represents a plan view of our proposed floodplain study (step-backwater analysis). We have field surveyed 3 cross-sections to use in the step-backwater analysis. The next page lists all of the data from the field surveyed cross-sections.

If you have continued from the previous Normal Depth Tutorial you should see the screen below. If you are just starting the program, you will see the screen below after pressing **Q2** and **<Enter>**.

QUICK - 2	
MAIN	MENU
	Press
Critical Depth	1
Channel Capacity	2
Normal Depth	3
Step-Backwater	4
<hr/>	
QUIT	<F10>

<F1> - Help

1. Press **4** and then press **<Enter>** to start the Step-Backwater Option.

Next you will see the Starting Water Surface Elevation Method screen:

Starting Water Surface Elevation Method	
	Input
<hr/>	
NORMAL DEPTH (Slope-Area)	
Enter the Slope in Ft/Ft	(for ex. .0025)
OR	
KNOWN WATER SURFACE ELEVATION	
Enter the known WS Elevation	(for ex. 656.78)

Enter a Slope or an Elevation:

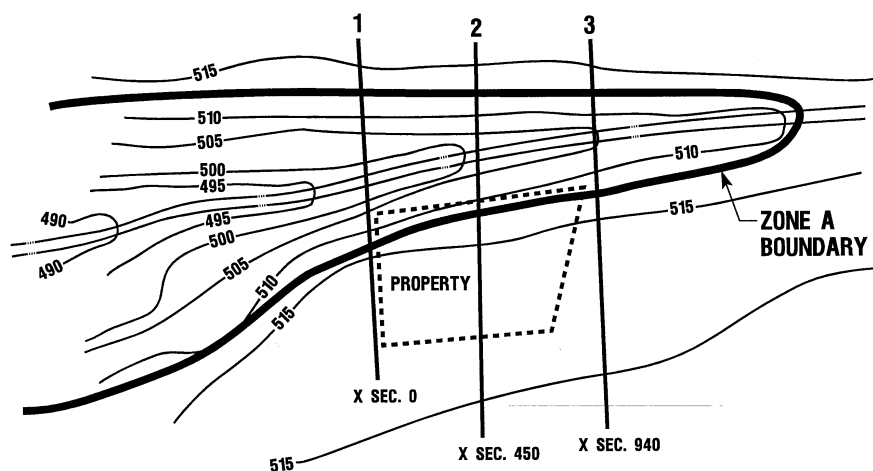
Let's say that we do not have any previous information about flood elevations for our sample stream. Thus we need to start the step-backwater analysis assuming that the flow in our first cross-section is at Normal Depth. (This assumes that the channel slope downstream of our first cross-section will approximate the slope of the energy grade at the first cross-section of our study.) Let's assume that our calculated downstream channel slope is .0029 ft/ft.

2. Type **.0029** and then press **<Enter>**.

CROSS SECTION INFORMATION

Cross-Section 1		Cross-Section 2		Cross-Section 3	
<u>GROUND POINTS</u>					
Station	Elevation	Station	Elevation	Station	Elevation
362	505.0	0	510.0	0	515.0
425	499.1	150	504.8	433	510.1
509	498.0	233	502.2	600	506.3
512	496.9	236	500.9	614	504.9
602	496.9	331	500.9	701	504.8
605	498.2	334	501.8	725	506.5
732	500.1	402	505.5	866	511.1
1020	504.7	591	510.1	1240	514.6
<u>CHANNEL BANK STATIONS</u>					
Left 509	Right 605	Left 233	Right 334	Left 600	Right 725
<u>MANNING'S N VALUES</u>					
Left .065		Left .055		Left .065	
Channel .040		Channel .040		Channel .040	
Right .060		Right .060		Right .060	
<u>CHANNEL REACH LENGTHS</u>					
Left ---		Left 450		Left 490	
Channel ---		Channel 450		Channel 490	
Right ---		Right 450		Right 490	
<u>LOSS COEFFICIENTS</u>					
Cont ---	Expan ---	Cont 0.1	Expan 0.3	Cont 0.1	Expan 0.3
<u>100-YEAR DISCHARGE</u>					
3000		3000		3000	

FIGURE 1



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XSEC ID:      0      >> STEP - BACKWATER <<      GROUND POINTS
STAT      ELEV      STAT      ELEV      STAT      ELEV      STAT      ELEV

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CHANNEL BANK STATIONS:	Left	Right
MANNING'S N VALUES:	Left	Right
CHANNEL REACH LENGTHS:	Left	Right
LOSS COEFFICIENTS:	Contractn	Expansn
WS ELEV	Depth	Top Wid
EG ELEV	Flow Regime	ChanVel
		Froud#

F2}<-Back Tab **F5}**List Files **F6}**Retrieve File **F7}**Main Menu **F10}**Ed/Ex GrPt
F3}Insert GrPt **F4}**Delete GrPt **F1 }**HELP

3. Press **<F1>** to access the Help screen.

If you refer to the previous page, you will see a tabulation of the Ground Points for the first field surveyed cross-section listed by Station and Elevation. You will also see the Channel Bank Stations, Manning's N values, and Discharge.

Once you have entered all of the Ground Points correctly ...

NOTE: The **<F10> Key** will EXIT you from the top of the screen, or it will RETURN you to the top of the screen if you need to go back to EDIT the Ground Points.

Your screen should now look like this:

XSEC ID:	0	>> STEP - BACKWATER <<				GROUND	POINTS
STAT	ELEV	STAT	ELEV	STAT	ELEV	STAT	ELEV
362	505.0	425	499.1	509	498.0	512	496.9
602	496.9	605	498.2	732	500.1	1020	504.7

CHANNEL BANK STATIONS:	Left		Right
MANNING'S N VALUES:	Left	Channel	Right
CHANNEL REACH LENGTHS:	Left	Channel	Right
LOSS COEFFICIENTS:	Contractn	Expansn	Dschrg
WS ELEV	Depth	Top Wid	Kratio
EG ELEV	Flow Regime	ChanVel	Froud#

F2} <- Back Tab	F5} PRINT	F6} SAVE	F7} Main Menu	F8} New XSEC	F10} Ed/Ex GrPt
Enter LEFT Channel Bank Station and Press <Enter>					

The program is currently prompting you to **enter the Left Channel Bank Station**. Using the information contained on the previous page, we know that our Left Channel Bank Station is **509**. Therefore ...

7. Enter **509** and then Press **<Enter>**. (Notice that the **509** has been entered to the right of "CHANNEL BANK STATIONS: Left".)

Next you will see the Input / Output screen with a new prompt:
SCREEN PROMPT - "Enter RIGHT Channel Bank Station and Press <Enter>"

Using the information for Cross-section 1, simply follow the screen prompts to input the required data, as follows:

SCREEN PROMPT - "Enter RIGHT Channel Bank Station and Press <Enter>"

8. Type **605** and then Press **<Enter>**.

SCREEN PROMPT - "Enter LEFT Manning's n Value and Press <Enter>"

9. Type **.065** and then Press **<Enter>**.

SCREEN PROMPT - "Enter CHANNEL Manning's n Value and Press <Enter>"

10. Type **.040** and then Press **<Enter>**.

SCREEN PROMPT - "Enter RIGHT Manning's n Value and Press <Enter>"

11. Type **.060** and then Press **<Enter>**.

SCREEN PROMPT - "Enter Discharge and Press <Enter>"

12. Type **3000** and then Press **<Enter>**.

Your screen should now look like this:

XSEC ID:	0	>> STEP - BACKWATER <<		GROUND	POINTS
STAT	ELEV	STAT	ELEV	STAT	ELEV
362	505.0	425	499.1	509	498.0
602	496.9	605	498.2	732	500.1
				1020	504.7

CHANNEL BANK STATIONS:	Left	509.0	Right	605.0
MANNING'S N VALUES:	Left	0.0650	Channel	0.0400
CHANNEL REACH LENGTHS:	Left		Channel	0.0600
LOSS COEFFICIENTS:	Contractn		Expansn	Dschrng
WS ELEV	Depth		Top Wid	Kratio
EG ELEV	Flow Regime		ChanVel	Froud#

F2}<- Back Tab	F5}PRINT	F6}SAVE	F7}Main Menu	F8}New XSEC	F10}Ed/Ex	GrPt
TO BEGIN CALCULATIONS Press <Enter>						

The program is now ready to begin the calculations since all of the required data has been entered for the 1st cross-section of our step-backwater analysis. Note that even at this point, if any of the data on the screen has been typed in incorrectly, the user can simply press the <F2> key to toggle backwards through all of the input data, even back to the Ground Points. Remember that you can instantly go back to the Ground Points by pressing <F10>, also.

13. Press **<Enter>** to Begin the Calculations.

Your screen should now look like this:

XSEC ID:	0	>> STEP - BACKWATER <<				GROUND	POINTS
STAT	ELEV	STAT	ELEV	STAT	ELEV	STAT	ELEV
362	505.0	425	499.1	509	498.0	512	496.9
602	496.9	605	498.2	732	500.1	1020	504.7

CHANNEL BANK STATIONS:		Left	509.0	Right	605.0
MANNING'S N VALUES:		Left	0.0650	Channel	0.0400
CHANNEL REACH LENGTHS:		Left		Channel	
LOSS				Right	
COEFFICIENTS:		Contractn		Expansn	
WS ELEV	501.03	Depth	4.13	Top Wid	385
EG ELEV	501.32	Flow Regime	M-1	ChanVel	5.10
				Froud#	0.50

F2}<- Back Tab F5}PRINT F6}SAVE F7}Main Menu F8}New XSEC F10}Ed/Ex GrPt					
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As you can see from the screen, the (100-year) Water Surface Elevation (WS ELEV) has been computed (501.03), with other variables.

Before we move on to enter the data for the next cross-section let's obtain a printout of this first calculation.

_ Press <F5>.

The screen prompt will be ...

PRINT: Summary or Detailed? Press **S** or **D** and <Enter>

Let's obtain a Detailed Printout ... Therefore ...

_ Press **D** and then Press <Enter>.

Assuming your printer is turned on, the detailed printout will look like this:

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Cross Section: 0
XLOB: 0 XLCH: 0 XROB: 0 CC: 0 CE: 0

NLOB: .065 STCHL: 509 NCHL: .04 STCHR: 605 NROB: .06

STAT      ELEV      STAT      ELEV      STAT      ELEV      STAT      ELEV
362.00    505.00    425.00    499.10    509.00    498.00    512.00    496.90
602.00    496.90    605.00    498.20    732.00    500.10    1020.00    504.70

CWSEL      EG      ELMIN      QLOB      QCH      QROB
Chan Vel    HV      KRATIO      ALOB      ACH      AROB
Depth       HL      Top Width    STAT-L      ST-MIDCH    STAT-R
Discharge   OL      Froude #     CH-Slope    EG-Slope    FlowRegim
501.03      501.317    496.90      493      2003      505
5.10        0.29      1.00      228      392      265
4.13        0.00      385      404.4      557.0      789.9
3000        0.00      0.50      0.0000    0.0029      ---

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If any of the above variables are unfamiliar, a description of each is provided in Appendix 1.

If you want to save the cross-section data to a different name and/or directory, **before pressing** <F8>, you can Press <F6>, (**F6**}SAVE) , to perform this.

Now we need to enter the data for the 2nd cross-section. Since we are entering a new cross-section (**New XSEC**), we need to ...

_ Press <F8>.

Before the Screen changes you will notice that at the bottom of the screen a message will briefly appear ...

SAVING TEMPORARY FILE C:\QUICK2\DATA\T0.XSC

This alerts you that your cross-section data has been saved to a file called T0.XSC, which is located in your C:\QUICK2\DATA directory.

The program is now ready to begin the calculations since all of the required data has been entered for the 2nd cross-section of our step-backwater analysis.

_ Press **<Enter>** to Begin the Calculations.

Once the calculation is finished you may ...

_ Press **<F5>** to obtain a printout

_ Press **<F6>** to save the data to another name and/or directory

Finally, to finish our analysis we need to enter in the data for the 3rd cross-section.

_ Press **<F8>**

Before the Screen changes you will notice that at the bottom of the screen a message will briefly appear ...

SAVING TEMPORARY FILE C:\QUICK2\DATA\T450.XSC

This alerts you that your 2nd cross-section data has been saved to a file called T450.XSC, which is located in your C:\QUICK2\DATA directory. Notice that the **450**, represents the channel distance between the 1st and 2nd cross-sections.

_ Following the method used before for the other cross-sections, enter the Ground Points one at a time, by their respective Station and Elevation for the 3rd cross-section using the data provided. Be sure to Press **<Enter>** after you have typed in each correct number.

_ Once you have entered all of the Ground Points correctly, remember to Press **<F10>** to Exit from entering Ground Point data .

_ Follow the on screen prompts to enter all of the other data.

After entering all the data for the 3rd cross-section ...

_ Press **<Enter>** to Begin the Calculations.

Once the calculation is finished you may ...

_ Press **<F5>** to obtain a printout

_ Press **<F6>** to save the data to another name and/or directory

TO EXIT OUT OF THIS SCREEN NOW THAT OUR ANALYSIS IS COMPLETED ...

_ Press **<F7>**

You will see a screen prompt at the bottom ...

SUMMARY PRINTOUT: Press <F5>, otherwise Press <Enter>

To print a summary of the output for all 3 cross-sections then ...

_ Press <F5>, otherwise just Press <Enter>

The on screen Summary or the printed summary will look like this:

SECNO	Q	XLCH	CWSEL	FR#	ELMIN	AVG.VEL.	AREA	TOPWID
0	3000.0	0	501.03	0.50	496.90	3.39	885.0	385.5
450	3000.0	450	503.96	1.06	500.90	7.54	398.1	196.9
940	3000.0	490	508.54	0.71	504.80	4.95	606.5	286.2

If we carefully compare the Computed Water Surface Elevations (CWSELS) at each cross-section, to the topographic contours on Figure 1, we will see that the property is clearly higher than the CWSEL at every cross-section. Therefore this analysis with more detailed cross-section data has proven that the property has been inadvertently included in an unnumbered Zone A Special Flood Hazard Area.

Turn to the next page to continue >>>>

RUNNING HEC-2 USING QUICK-2 FILES {Tutorial Time: 5 minutes}

_ You will be prompted one more time to Press <Enter>. The next prompt will ask you a question concerning running the HEC-2 or PLOT-2 programs.

Press Y and <Enter> to rerun w/HEC-2 or PLOT-2: If NO Press <Enter>

_ For purposes of this tutorial let's answer "Y" , (and Press <Enter>) to run the HEC-2 program. The next screen that will appear will include the following:

To Run	Type
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QUICK-2	Q2
HEC-2	H2
AUTOHEC-2	AH2
PLOT-2	P2
VIEW/PRINT	LIST

_ Type **AH2** and Press <Enter>.

Once the HEC-2 run is complete it will return you to the above-mentioned screen.

NOTE: Typing **AH2** runs the HEC-2 program automatically using the QUICK-2 generated HEC2.DAT, HEC-2 data file.

*If you are using a HEC-2 data file other than HEC2.DAT, then Type **H2** and Press <Enter>. Follow the directions on the screen for naming the Input, Output and Tape95 files; pressing <Enter> after each filename is typed in.*

_ Type **LIST** and Press <Enter>, and then enter your output filename, (Default is HEC2.OUT), to view the results. *Note that you move up, down and across the screen using the <Page UP>, <Page Down>, the cursor keys, etc.*

_ To **Print** the data that appears on the screen simply Press **P**.

_ To **Exit** from the screen simply Press **X** or the **Escape** key.

If you would like to complete the next tutorial example, then

Type Q2 and Press <Enter>; and, turn to the next page.=====>>>>

RERUNNING USING SAVED CROSS-SECTION FILES

{Tutorial Time: 5 minutes}

Let's say that in the analysis that was performed in the previous tutorial, we want to change the discharge from 3000 to 5000, and run the step-backwater option again with the same cross-sections. This is quite easily done. Just follow the steps as shown below.

1. At the Main Menu Screen **Type 4 and Press <Enter>**
2. At the Starting Water Surface Elevation Method Screen
Type .0029 and Press <Enter>
3. At the Input/Output Screen **Press <F6>** to retrieve a saved cross-section file

Assuming your 1st cross-section file is stored as
C:\QUICK2\DATA\T0.XSC

Type C and Press <Enter>	when prompted for the directory
Type QUICK2\DATA & Press <Enter>	when prompted for the subdirectory
Type T0 and Press <Enter>	when prompted for the filename

4. **Press <F2>** to toggle back to the "Enter Discharge" prompt
 5. **Type 5000 and Press <Enter>** to enter the new discharge
 6. **Press <Enter>** to Begin the Calculations
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7. **Press <F8>** to input another cross-section
Press <F6> to retrieve a saved cross-section file

Assuming your 2nd cross-section file is stored as
C:\QUICK2\DATA\T450.XSC

Type C and Press <Enter>	when prompted for the directory
Type QUICK2\DATA & Press <Enter>	when prompted for the subdirectory
Type T450 and Press <Enter>	when prompted for the filename

8. **Press <F2>** to toggle back to the "Enter Discharge" prompt
9. **Type 5000 and Press <Enter>** to enter the new discharge
10. **Press <Enter>** to Begin the Calculations

11. Press <F8> to input another cross-section

Press <F6> to retrieve a saved cross-section file

Assuming your 3rd cross-section file is stored as
C:\QUICK2\DATA\T940.XSC

Type C and Press <Enter> when prompted for the directory

Type QUICK2\DATA & Press <Enter> when prompted for the subdirectory

Type T940 and Press <Enter> when prompted for the filename

12. Press <F2> to toggle back to the "Enter Discharge" prompt

13. Type 5000 and Press <Enter> to enter the new discharge

14. Press <Enter> to Begin the Calculations

_ **Press <F7>** to Exit out of the screen

_ **Press <F5>** to obtain a summary printout

_ **Press <Enter>** twice to get back to the main menu

_ **Press <F10>** to leave the program

Q.E.D.

CHANNEL CAPACITY OPTION WITH THE RATING CURVE PLOT

{Tutorial Time: 5 to 10 minutes}

Let's say that we need to determine a Base Flood Elevation (BFE) for the property shown in Figure 1. We do not want to exempt the entire property from the flood plain, only a structure which is located in the middle of the property. Therefore, we can use one cross-section (the 2nd cross-section (T450.XSC) from our previous tutorial and shown on Figure 1), to compute a BFE.

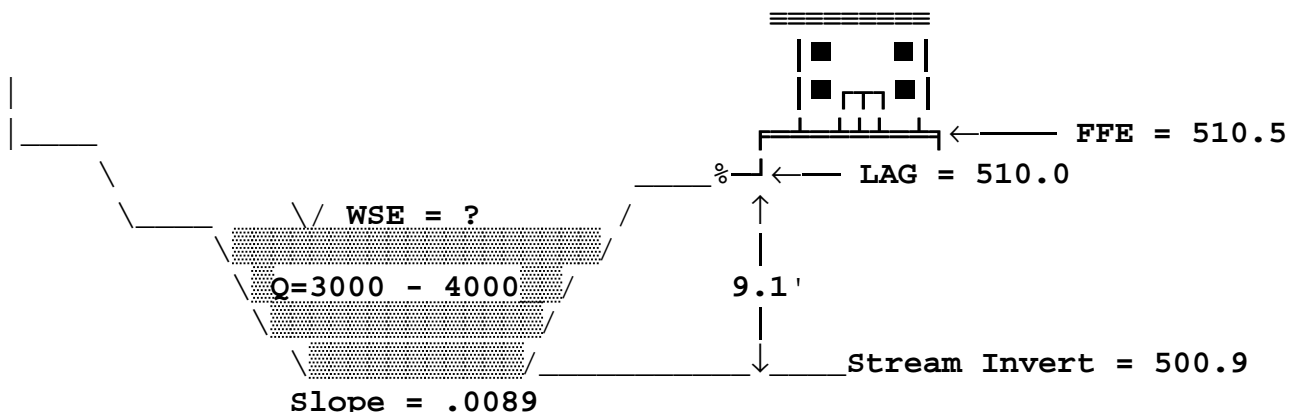
Let's assume that we know the discharge is between 3000 cfs and 4000 cfs based on our best estimates.

Let's assume our structure does not have a basement; the lowest adjacent grade (LAG) to the house is at elevation 510 NGVD; and the first floor elevation (FFE) is 510.5 NGVD.


Let's determine the maximum carrying capacity of the floodplain using a depth equal to the lowest adjacent grade (510.0) minus the minimum stream elevation (500.9). For purposes of this example we'll use a depth of 9 feet (510-501).

To perform a channel capacity calculation we also need to know the downstream slope, which in this case is easy to compute from the information on page 15. $\text{Slope} = 500.9 - 496.9 / 450 = .0089$.

The graphic below sums up our situation so far:



Follow the steps as shown on the next page to compute the rating curve

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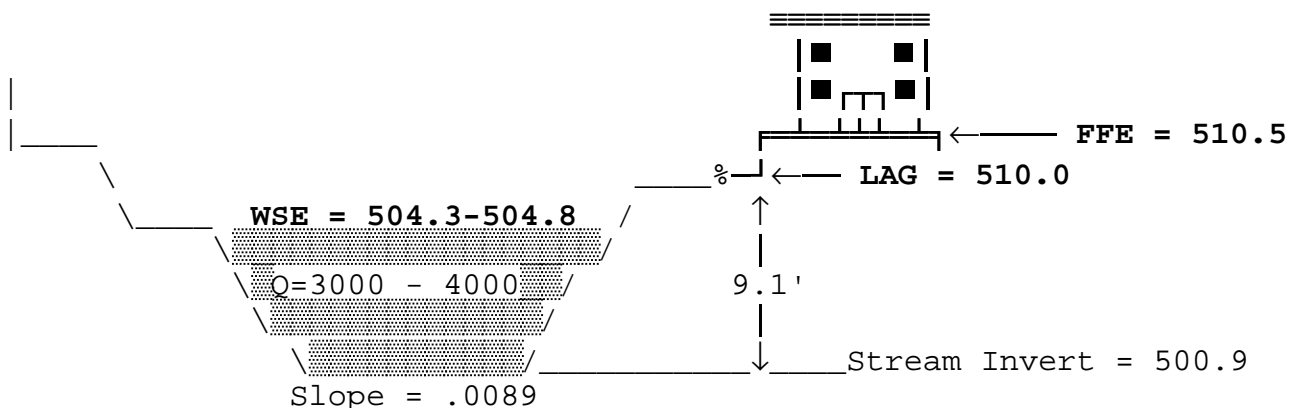
1. At the Main Menu Screen **Type 2** and Press **<Enter>**
2. At the Shape of Cross Section Screen
Type I and Press **<Enter>**
3. At the Input/Output Screen **Press <F6>**

We are using the 2nd cross-section file stored as
C:\QUICK2\DATA\T450.XSC

Type C and Press **<Enter>** when prompted for the directory
Type QUICK2\DATA & Press **<Enter>** when prompted for the subdirectory
Type T450 and Press **<Enter>** when prompted for the filename

4. Type **.0089** and Press **<Enter>** to enter the slope
5. Type **9** and Press **<Enter>** to enter the depth
6. Press **<Enter>** to Begin the Calculations
7. Press **<F4>** to Plot to screen Press **<F5>** to Print

Looking at the rating curve plot we can see that for a discharge range of between 3000cfs - 4000cfs the BFE ranges from about 504.3 to 504.8. Since our lowest adjacent grade and first floor elevation are at or above 510, it is clear that this structure is above the BFE.



8. Press **<Enter>** to continue
9. Press **<F7>** to go back to the Main Menu
10. Press **<F10>** to Exit the program

PLOT-2

In general PLOT-2 will only work on QUICK-2 files that have been converted into HEC-2 format using QUICK-2's Step-Backwater option.

Profile plots from PLOT-2 will work only if the QUICK-2 generated data file (HEC2.DAT) is also run using the HEC-2 program (see Running HEC-2 Using QUICK-2 Files, page 4-18), since a HEC2.T95 file needs to be generated by the HEC-2 program for use by PLOT-2.

PLOT-2 Cross-section plots can be generated using the QUICK-2 generated data file (HEC2.DAT) even if it is not run with HEC-2. However, the Cross-section plot will not show the computed water surface elevation (CWSEL) unless the QUICK-2 HEC2.DAT file is run with HEC-2, since the CWSEL is found on the HEC2.T95 file.

Note that the user can compute a normal depth elevation for only one cross-section and have that cross-section plotted by choosing the Step-Backwater option and the Normal Depth starting water surface elevation method. Once the computation is finished, the user simply exits (Presses <F7>), and the QUICK-2 program automatically creates the HEC2.DAT file for that one cross-section, which can be used by the PLOT-2 program.

Let's say that we want to view the water surface elevation profile and the cross-section plots from our previous tutorial on the Step-Backwater option.

_ From the QUICK-2 Title screen **Press P2**

_ You are now into the PLOT-2 program, **Press <Enter> to continue**

PROFILE PLOT {Tutorial Time: 5 to 10 minutes}

1. Let's view the profile first. **Press 1** from the PLOT-2 main menu selection

2. Cursor to the HEC2 Tape95 file name entry and **Type ?**

This will list all of the data files in the QUICK-2 directory. T95 files are designated with the 3 letter extension .T95 . Therefore cursor over to highlight that file (HEC2.T95) and **Press <Enter>.**

3. Move up to highlight the Plot profiles entry and **Press <Enter>.**

4. Your profile is now plotted. **Pressing <Enter>** moves you back to the Profile plots main menu screen. You can explore the different Profile and Plotting options and replot the profile if you wish.

5. When you are finished plotting, highlight the Return to main menu message and **Press <Enter>**

CROSS-SECTION PLOT {Tutorial Time: 5 to 10 minutes}

1. From the PLOT-2 main menu **Press 2** from the menu selection.
2. Cursor down to the HEC2 input file name entry and **Type ?**

This will list all of the data files in the QUICK-2 directory. Input files are designated with the 3 letter extension .DAT . Therefore cursor over to highlight that file (HEC2.DAT) and **Press <Enter>**. If we want to view a different data file than that of the profile we previously viewed, we would have to specify a different file here before proceeding.

3. Cursor down to the HEC2 Tape95 file name entry

Note that we do not have to re-enter this file since we have already entered it previously. If we want to view a different Tape95 file than that of the profile we previously viewed, we would have to **Type ?**, and then specify a different file here before proceeding.

4. Move up to highlight the Plot cross sections entry and **Press <Enter>**.

5. You now have the option of printing all or selected cross sections from your data file. Press Y for plotting all, or N for plotting selected cross sections.

Your first cross-section is now plotted. Pressing <Enter> moves you back to the Cross-section plots main menu screen or plots additional cross-sections depending on how many cross-section plots you have. You can explore the different Cross-section and Plotting options if you wish.

6. Highlight the Return to main menu message and **Press <Enter>**

Pressing 4 at the PLOT-2 main menu exits you from PLOT-2 and back to the QUICK-2 title screen.

Note: To use PLOT-2 and to access data files that are in another directory (i.e., they are not in the C:\QUICK2 directory), just change to that data directory (i.e., CD\dirname) and access PLOT-2 by typing C:\QUICK2\PLOT2 (or A:\PLOT2 if using the program from the floppy drive) from that data directory.

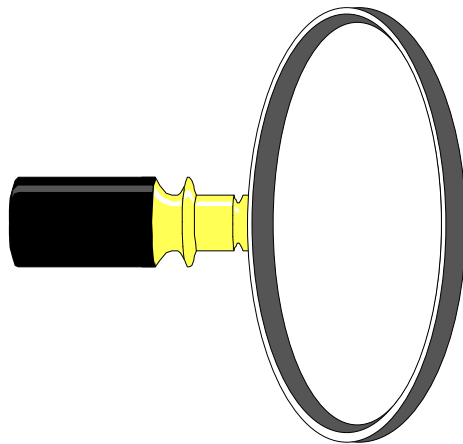
Chapter 5: FORMULAS

Critical Depth

Channel Capacity

Normal Depth

Step-Backwater



1. CRITICAL DEPTH

In every cross-section for a given discharge there exists a critical depth, where the energy grade (depth of water plus velocity head - $V^2/2G$) is at a minimum. Increasing the discharge above this given discharge will force the flow into the super-critical regime. Discharges below the given discharge will remain in the sub-critical regime. Super-critical depths will be lower than the critical depth, and sub-critical depths will be above the critical depth. Super-critical flow is characterized by small water depths with large velocity heads; while, sub-critical flow is characterized by large water depths with small velocity heads. A rule of thumb used to determine critical depth is that when the Velocity Head equals 1/2 the hydraulic depth (Area/Topwidth) critical flow is probable.

A formula which can be used to approximate critical depth (D_c) is given below.

$$Qc^2 / g = A^3 / T$$

Where Qc is the discharge (in cfs) based on critical depth, g is the gravitational constant (32.15 feet/second squared), A is the cross-section area (in square feet), and T is the top width of the water surface (in feet). Note: for rectangular channels the above equation can be reduced so that

$$D_c = (Qc/5.67 T)^{.667}.$$

The more exact way to compute critical depth (minimum specific energy) is to find a specific depth of water within a cross-section for a given discharge which produces the lowest energy grade. The following represents the process that the Critical Depth option of QUICK-2 goes through to calculate critical depth.

After the cross-section information (ground points, channel stations, etc.) has been input the program starts computing the water surface elevation (WSE) and corresponding energy grade elevation (EG) at a depth of 0.1 foot above the lowest elevation in the cross-section. It continues to calculate WSE and EG at intervals of 0.5 foot. As the depth of water in the cross-section increases the EG will decrease. At one point the EG will begin to increase. This means that between the last 0.5 foot interval there exists a minimum energy grade. Once this has occurred the program decreases the WSE in intervals of .02 foot. As the depth of water decreases in the cross-section the EG will also decrease as it approaches the minimum specific energy. At one point the EG will begin to increase again.

This means that between the last .02 foot interval critical depth exists. At this point the screen will display the actual critical water surface elevation (along with other variables) by assuming that the next to the last iteration was the critical depth.

The calculations performed by the program for a given cross-section are listed on the next page. The calculations include the iterations that the program goes through to arrive at critical depth.

ELMIN = 92.5					
WSE = 92.6	Qc= 6.026845E-02	Q= 260	EG=466080.8	EG Decreasing	
WSE= 93.1	Qc= 5.314738	Q= 260	EG=452.6406	-	
WSE= 93.6	Qc= 24.18726	Q= 260	EG=125.4259	-	
WSE= 94.1	Qc= 61.71717	Q= 260	EG=101.21	-	
WSE= 94.6	Qc= 121.451	Q= 260	EG=96.99928	-	
<u>WSE= 95.1</u>	<u>Qc= 204.4488</u>	Q= 260	EG=96.14474	-	v
<u>WSE= 95.6</u>	<u>Qc= 311.15</u>	Q= 260	EG=96.14897	+ EG Increasing	

Therefore Minimum Specific Energy is between WSE's of 95.1 and 95.6. Note also that the Discharge (Q = 260) is also within the computed Critical Discharge (Qc) range of 204 - 311.

WSE= 95.58	Qc= 306.5006	Q= 260	EG=96.14179	- EG Decreasing	
WSE= 95.56	Qc= 301.8821	Q= 260	EG=96.13499	-	
WSE= 95.54	Qc= 297.2962	Q= 260	EG=96.12863	-	
WSE= 95.52	Qc= 292.7447	Q= 260	EG=96.12271	-	
WSE= 95.50	Qc= 288.2256	Q= 260	EG=96.11724	-	
WSE= 95.48	Qc= 283.737	Q= 260	EG=96.11225	-	
WSE= 95.46	Qc= 279.2825	Q= 260	EG=96.10776	-	
WSE= 95.44	Qc= 274.8583	Q= 260	EG=96.1038	-	v
WSE= 95.42	Qc= 270.4678	Q= 260	EG=96.10038	-	
WSE= 95.40	Qc= 266.1075	Q= 260	EG=96.09752	-	
WSE= 95.38	Qc= 261.7806	Q= 260	EG=96.09525	-	
WSE= 95.36	Qc= 257.4854	Q= 260	EG=96.09361	-	
WSE= 95.34	Qc= 253.22	Q= 260	EG=96.09262	-	
WSE= 95.32	Qc= 248.986	Q= 260	EG=96.09199	minimum	v
WSE= 95.30	Qc= 244.76	Q= 260	EG=96.09271	+ EG Increasing	

We assume that ... Critical Depth = 95.32', Minimum Specific Energy = 96.09199'

The Froude number would be, Q / Q_c , or $260 / 248.986 = 1.04$.

It is not unusual for the Froude number to not equal exactly 1.0, since the calculation of critical discharge using the formula $Q_c^2 / g = A^3 / T$, does not always yield a WSE that is exactly at the True minimum specific energy.

You should notice from the above tabulation, that as you approach critical depth (minimum specific energy), for very small changes in EG there are large jumps in the water surface elevation. The EG is only changing by .001' to .003' while the WSE changes by .02'. A 0.01' difference in EG can cause a 0.10' change in WSE.

2. CHANNEL CAPACITY

In this option, a Normal Depth elevation (see 3. *NORMAL DEPTH*) is input and the program computes the corresponding discharge. (In the Normal Depth option, the discharge is input and the program computes a normal depth elevation). The Manning's equation is used as the formula for determining the (normal) discharge.

$$Q = 1.486 A (R^{.667}) S^{.5} / N$$

Where Q is the discharge (in cfs), A is the cross-section area (in square feet), R is the hydraulic radius (in feet), S is the energy slope (in feet/feet), and N is the Manning's roughness value.

After the cross-section information (ground points, channel stations, streambed slope, normal depth elevation(s), etc.) has been input, the program simply solves for the area (A) and hydraulic radius (R) below the normal depth elevation (specified by the user) and computes the (normal) discharge directly using the Manning's equation. This is not an iterative process. The screen will display the (normal) discharge (which represents the channel capacity) along with other variables.

3. NORMAL DEPTH

The standard formula for determining normal depth in a cross-section is the Manning's formula. Water is flowing at normal depth when the energy grade and the hydraulic grade (water surface) slopes are the same as the stream bed slope. Normal depth profiles occur, in general, when the flow is uniform, steady, one-dimensional, and is not affected by downstream obstructions or flow changes. The standard Manning's equation is:

$$Q = 1.486 A (R^{.667}) S^{.5} / N$$

Where Q is the discharge (in cfs), A is the cross-section area (in square feet), R is the hydraulic radius (in feet), S is the energy slope (in feet/feet), and N is the Manning's roughness value.

The exact method for computing normal depth for a given discharge at a particular cross-section, is to assume that S is equal to the downstream streambed slope and to solve iteratively for the depth (this obviously assumes N is known). The following represents the process that the Normal Depth option of QUICK-2 goes through to calculate normal depth.

After the cross-section information (ground points, channel stations, discharge, streambed slope, etc.) has been input, the program starts computing discharge using the Manning's equation at an initial depth of 0.1 foot above the lowest point in the cross-section, and from that point in 0.5 foot intervals. At some point, the computed discharge will exceed the given target discharge. The program then uses a converging technique to compute a discharge (with a corresponding normal depth) that is within 1% of the given discharge. At this point the screen will display the actual normal depth water surface elevation (along with other variables).

The calculations performed by the program for a given cross-section are listed below. The calculations include the iterations that the program goes through to arrive at normal depth.

ELMIN= 92.5			
WSE = 92.6	Q= 260	Computed Q= .023579	below target Q
WSE= 93.1	Q= 260	Computed Q= 2.803083	below
WSE= 93.6	Q= 260	Computed Q= 14.11313	below
WSE= 94.1	Q= 260	Computed Q= 38.33264	below
WSE= 94.6	Q= 260	Computed Q= 80.01045	below
WSE= 95.1	Q= 260	Computed Q= 146.9773	below
WSE= 95.6	Q= 260	Computed Q= 245.9516	below
WSE= 96.1	Q= 260	Computed Q= 369.2461	above target Q
WSE= 95.65697	Q= 260	Computed Q= 258.7531	within 1%

We assume that ... Normal depth = 95.66 for a Discharge (Q) of 260 cfs

4. STEP-BACKWATER

The **Energy Equation** which represents one-dimensional, uniform, and steady flow in open channels is shown below.

$$(1) \quad WSE_d + HV_d = WSE_u + HV_u + HL + OL$$

Where WSE_d is the water surface elevation at the downstream cross-section, HV_d is the velocity head at the downstream cross-section, WSE_u is the water surface elevation at the upstream cross-section, HV_u is the velocity head at the upstream cross-section, HL is the friction loss between the two cross-sections, and OL is the eddy (contraction or expansion) loss between the two cross-sections.

Velocity Head, HV , is calculated as follows:

$$HV = (\alpha) V^2 / 2g$$

Where (α) is alpha the velocity coefficient, V is velocity (Q/A), and g is the gravitational constant. Alpha (α) is calculated as follows:

$$(\alpha) = \frac{(A^2)}{(K^3)} \left| \frac{Kl^3}{Al^2} + \frac{Kc^3}{Ac^2} + \frac{Kr^3}{Ar^2} \right|$$

Where A and K are the total area and conveyance below the water surface, respectively; and Kl , Kc , Kr and Al , Ac , Ar , are the conveyance and area in the left overbank, channel, and right overbank, respectively.

Friction Loss, HL , is calculated as follows:

$$HL = Lw (Q_d + Q_u)^2 / (K_d + K_u)^2$$

Where Lw is the discharge weighted reach length between cross-sections, Q_d is the discharge at the downstream cross-section, Q_u is the discharge at the upstream cross-section, K_d is the conveyance at the downstream cross-section, and K_u is the conveyance at the upstream cross-section. This is derived from the Average Conveyance Friction slope equation.

The Discharge Weighted Reach Length, Lw , is calculated as follows:

$$Lw = \{(Ll * Ql) + (Lc * Qc) + (Lr * Qr)\} / Qa$$

Where Qa is the average total discharge between cross-sections; and, Ll , Lc , Lr , and Ql , Qc , Qr , represent the reach length and average discharge between cross-sections for the left overbank, channel, and right overbank, respectively.

Eddy Loss, OL , is calculated as follows:

$$OL = (Ce \text{ or } Cc) * ABS |HV_d - HV_u|$$

Where Ce is the expansion coefficient, Cc is the contraction coefficient, HV_d is the velocity head at the downstream cross-section, and HV_u is the velocity head at the upstream cross-section. When HV_u is greater than HV_d Ce is utilized. When HV_u is greater than or equal to HV_d Cc is utilized.

After the cross-section information for the first cross-section has been input, either a known water surface elevation is input to start the calculations or the water surface elevation could have been determined by the Normal or Critical Depth options or by another source or method. The program then computes all pertinent variables for the first cross-section that will be needed for an energy balance with the next upstream cross-section. After this the user must put in the appropriate information for the next cross-section (i.e., ground points, channel stations, reach lengths, contraction and expansion coefficients, etc.). Once this is done the program performs a series of trial iterations to make sure that the Energy Equation (1) listed previously will balance to within .014 foot. The sequence of trial elevations is listed below.

1ST TRIAL:

Uses the depth of water (DP) of the previous cross-section added to the lowest elevation (ELMIN) within the current cross-section. If DP + ELMIN is less than the previous WSE (i.e., adverse slope condition) then the program uses the previous WSE for the 1st trial at the current cross-section.

2ND TRIAL:

Uses the average of the computed WSE and the WSE assumed in Trial number 1.

3RD TRIAL AND ON:

Uses a formula designed to help converge quickly to balance the energy equation as shown below:

$$\text{Trial WSE} = \text{WSE} - (\text{WSE} + \text{HV} - \text{DG} - \text{HL} - \text{OL}) / (1 - ((Q/QC)^2) + ((1.5 * \text{HL}) / (A/W)))$$

Where WSE, HV, HL, OL, QC, A, and W are the latest computations of water surface elevation, velocity head, friction loss, eddy loss, critical discharge, total area, and total wetted perimeter, respectively; and, DG is the computed energy grade elevation from the previous cross-section; and, Q is the discharge at the current cross-section.

For most energy balances between cross-sections that are not at or near critical flow, the program will balance the energy equation within 5 trials.

The calculations performed by the program for an energy balance between two cross-sections are listed below. The calculations include the iterations that the program goes through to arrive at the energy balance.

WSE	WSE		
Assumed	Calculated	Difference	Trial #
98.75	98.32489	+.4251099	1
98.53744	98.32472	+.2127228	2
98.32476	98.32513	-.00037	3

We assume that the correct WSE = 98.32

Note: Energy balance in this case was accurate to .00037 foot.

Appendix 1: Definition of Variables

ACH - Area within the specified channel below the water surface elevation

ALOB - Area within the specified left overbank below the water surface elevation

AROB - Area within the specified right overbank below the water surface elevation

ALPHA - Velocity head coefficient

AREA or **Area** - Total area within the cross-section below the water surface elevation

AVG.VEL or **Velocity** - Average Velocity within the entire cross-section

Base Width - Channel bottom width of a trapezoidal or rectangular cross-section

Bottom Width - Channel bottom width of a trapezoidal or rectangular cross-section

CC - Contraction Coefficient

CE - Expansion Coefficient

CH-SLOPE - Slope of the streambed, Channel Slope

CHAN-VEL or **ChanVel** - Velocity within the main channel of cross-section

Critical Slope - Slope of the Energy Grade line at Critical Flow

CWSEL - Computed water surface elevation within a cross-section

Depth - Max depth of water in the cross-sect as measured below the water surface elevation

Diameter - Width or Height of a circular pipe

Discharge - The rate of the flow of a volume of water within a cross-section, usually expressed in cubic feet per second (cfs)

EG or **EG ELEV** - Energy grade elevation, expressed as, WSE + HV

EG-Slope - Energy grade slope

ELEV - Elev of a ground pt of a cross-sect, as ref to some datum (i.e., NGVD, NAVD, etc.)

ELMIN - Lowest elevation in a cross section

Flow Regime - Type of water surface profile (Supercritical regimes are not computed)

M1: EG-Slope <= Ch-Slope and FR# < .8 **M2:** EG-Slope > Ch-Slope and FR# < .8
C1: EG-Slope <= Ch-Slope and FR# >= .8 **C3:** EG-Slope > Ch-Slope and FR# >= .8

Flow Type - either, Supercritical, Critical or Subcritical

Froude#, Froude No., Froud# or **FR#** - Froude number, used to determine the flow type (i.e., **sub-** (FR# < 1), **critical** (FR# = 1) or **super-critical** (FR# > 1) flow)

HL - Friction loss between cross sections

HV - Velocity head

Hyd Radius or **Hyd R** - Hydraulic Radius: equal to (Area / Wet Perimeter)

KRATIO - Ratio of upstream total conveyance to downstream total conveyance

L Side Slope - Ratio of the slope of the left side of a channel in terms of Horizontal distance in feet to 1 foot Vertical.

Manning's n - Coefficient used to account for the friction caused by earthen, vegetative, and/or man-made surfaces within a floodplain cross-section.

Max Discharge - The maximum flow possible within a circular pipe, (usually occurring at $.94 * \text{Diameter}$).

NCHL, NLOB, NROB - Manning's "N" value for the specified channel, left overbank, and right overbank, respectively.

OL - Expansion/contraction loss

Q - Total discharge in the cross-section

QC - Critical discharge within entire cross-section for a specific water surface elevation

QCH - Discharge within the specified channel of a cross-section

QIC - Critical discharge within the entire cross-section for a specific water surface elevation, assuming that critical flow is limited to the channel, even if flow is occurring in the overbanks

QLOB, QROB - Discharge within the specified left overbank, and right overbank, respectively, of a cross-section

R Side Slope - Ratio of the slope of the right side of a channel in terms of Horizontal distance in feet to 1 foot Vertical.

SECNO - Cross section number or identifier

Slope or **EG-Slope** - Energy grade slope

STAT-L, STAT-R - Station, within a cross-section, of the left edge, and right edge, respectively, of the water surface

STAT - Station of a ground point of a cross-section

STCHL, STCHR, ST-MIDCH - Station of the left bank, right bank, and mid-point, respectively, of a cross-section

Top Width or **Top Wid** - Top width of the water surface within a cross-section

Velocity - Average Velocity within the entire cross-section

Wet Perimeter or **Wet Per** - actual width of ground within a cross-section below the water surface elevation.

WS ELEV or **CWSEL** - Water surface elevation within a cross-section

XLCH, XLOB, XROB - Distance between cross-sections as measured along the channel, left overbank, and right overbank, respectively.

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